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Sharansky: Azzam arrest was plot to undermine Israel

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CAIRO

THE arrest of Azzam Azzam was an orchestrated Egyptian attempt to kill Israel's chances of success at the Cairo economic conference. Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky claimed here yesterday.

During a series of meetings with Egyptian and American ministers, Sharansky called for more news on the arrest of Azzam, a Druse from the Galilee who works in a Cairo textile factory. Egyptian authorities have accused Azzam of engaging in espionage with an Egyptian national.

"I think the incident is an attempt by certain forces in Egypt to undermine the efforts to improve economic relations and to build cooperation," said Sharansky. "The reaction I'm getting is quite often exactly the reaction of certain Soviet ministers when the question of Russian disidents was raised."

However, he added, he is sure those he met yesterday - including the Egyptian industry, trade, and economic ministers - would pass the message of concern to the highest circles.

Finance Minister Dan Meridor also raised the subject during discussions with Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, who said he would look into the matter. Moussa promised to pass on any information at the earliest opportunity.

A meeting is to take place today between senior officials of Egypt and Israel to discuss the situation.

Azzam's family and friends are also in Cairo to try to find out more information.

Last night, family representative Ayoub Kara said, "I'm refusing to leave Cairo until I know he is free. He is 100 percent innocent. I believe Azzam is very naive, but maybe the Egyptian they arrested was less so."

Israel: Azzam is not an agent

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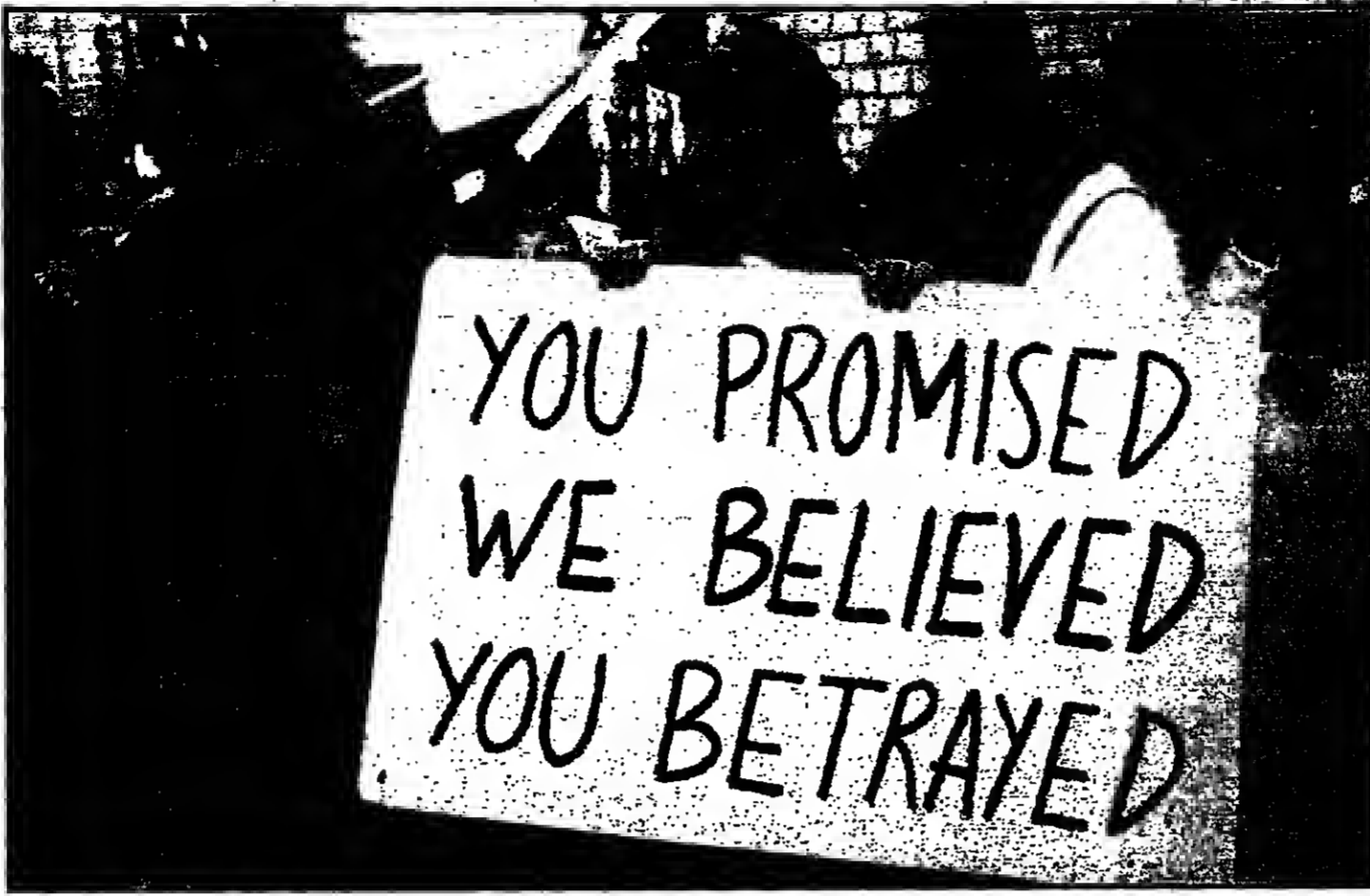
THE Israeli Embassy in Cairo yesterday lodged a formal demand with the Egyptian government to free Azzam Azzam, an Israeli citizen who disappeared in Cairo a week ago and is suspected by the Egyptians of being a Mossad agent.

Earlier, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu sent a strongly worded message to President Hosni Mubarak stating that an investigation had revealed categorically that Azzam was not involved in espionage activities and must be released.

Foreign Minister David Levy also said that "Azzam is an innocent citizen who has a family and is clean [of involvement in espionage]."

Ministry Director-General Eitan Betsur conveyed a similar message to Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny.

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Police push back members of Women in Green demonstrating against Hebron redeployment outside Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's Jerusalem home yesterday.

Hebron awaits the day after redeployment with trepidation

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK
HERB KEINON

A DRILL for medical personnel, simulating a large attack with numerous injuries, was scheduled for late last night in Hebron, as the IDF continued preparing for the unknown reality to be ushered in when the redeployment agreement is finally signed.

"Everybody here is waiting for an attack," said one of the medics scheduled to take part in the drill. "The way people are talking around here - the border policemen and the Nahal soldiers - it is not a question of if an attack will take place, but when."

On each of the last two nights, there has been a drill simulating attacks with many wounded, the medic said. "In my three years of reserve duty, I've never had a drill like that."

The medic said that in briefings with their commanders, the soldiers have been warned of two scenarios. The first is that Hamas will open fire on settlers as soon as the IDF completely redeploy, in an attempt to spark a conflagration that will eventually force the settlers completely out of the city.

The other is that terrorists will throw rocks at cars, hoping to provoke the occupants to get out and fire in the air. The terrorists then shoot back. The medic said that this tactic was explained as a way to blame the settlers for the incident.

The fear for Hebron's future was also evident in comments by members of the Committee for Peace and Security, a dovish group of reserve officers who made up yesterday's delegation that trooped up and down Hebron's hills to look at the city before the changeover. Every day another delegation of diplomats, journalists, politi-

cians, party hacks, or retired army men stand atop Ahn Sneh and look down over the Jewish enclave below.

"I am very skeptical that it can work," said former Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo Lahat, a reserve major-general and one of the group's leaders. "But you have to be realistic: The IDF is at this time redeploying in Hebron, and there is an attempt to try [the peace] process as it is; not to evacuate the Jews. In the long-term we might have to look in that direction, because I don't think things bode well here."

In the meantime, the IDF has, for all intents and purposes, pretty much already redeployed in Hebron. Except for a few dozen soldiers and some heavy equipment that still remains in the area to come under Palestinian control, everything else has been moved into the Jewish enclave.

"Once the IDF decides it is time to go, there is nothing we can do," said Hebron activist Moshe Ben-Zimra. "What are we going to do, lie in front of their buses?"

Even if some Hebron or Kiryat Arba settlers would like to adopt that tactic, there will hardly be any buses to lie down in front of.

One IDF source said that the personnel in the civil administration building, the last large bastion of Israeli presence, can be packed up in a couple of buses. The building, which months ago was teeming with activity, was dead yesterday. Sentries

around the sprawling structure were just waiting for the order to be given to pack it all.

In addition to the soldiers still stationed at the civil administration, there are a handful of soldiers at the Haroz guardpost in eastern Hebron, and another handful at the Zchuchit junction leading into Kiryat Arba. These could be moved in a matter of minutes, IDF officials said.

There are very few IDF foot patrols outside areas that were to remain under Israeli control under the Arafat-Peres Hebron agreement. By contrast, the Jewish enclave is teeming with soldiers and policemen, who constantly patrol the streets leading from one of the Jewish compounds to the next.

Rumors in the city - where everyone seems to be waiting for something to happen, and looks everywhere for a sign that something is indeed happening - are abundant. Among yesterday's rumors were that the final IDF redeployment will take place on Shabbat; and that to make the settlement more defensible, the IDF plans on removing the seven Jewish families in the Tel Rumeida neighborhood.

This is discounted by settlement leaders, although much of their thought is now on what things will look like the day after.

"We can't force the IDF to patrol the city," said David Wilder. "We are not going to start a militia to attack the Arah police. Everything that we can do to stop redeployment, we have done ... The day after, all our efforts will be channeled into staying put. We are not leaving."

Yosef to encourage kidney donations

JUDY SIEGEL

SHAS spiritual leader Rabbi Ovadia Yosef will soon launch a campaign encouraging people to register to donate their kidneys after death.

Yosef has already issued a halachic ruling declaring it is a mitzva for a person to donate kidneys. However, he has prohibited families from donating the organs of a deceased relative who had not explicitly given his permission.

Deputy Health Minister Shlomo Benizri of Shas revealed at the welcoming ceremony for new Health Minister Yehoshua Matza that the campaign would initially involve only kidneys, as removal of other organs, which must be removed when the heart is still beating, is problematic.

Yosef voiced his views in a letter to outgoing health minister Tzahi Hanegbi, who met with numerous rabbis in recent months in an effort to

encourage organ donations.

Yosef also stated that since there is only negligible medical risk to a person who donates one of his kidneys to someone else in need, this is permitted. Only last week, Hanegbi decided that live donors of kidneys could be not only siblings, parents or children, but also spouses, uncles, aunts, cousins, grandparents and grandchildren.

As for cadaver donations, Benizri said it was likely that special cards would be produced for those who wanted, on the basis of Yosef's ruling, to donate kidneys after their death. It would specify that the organs would not be removed until a physician "trusted by the rabbis" determined that the patient had died (according to the halachic definition of death). But if the deceased had not bequeathed organs during his lifetime, the family has no right to give doctors permission to take them, Yosef ruled.

CJF expected to urge no change in conversion legislation

MARILYN HENRY
SEATTLE

TRYING to defuse a crisis between Israel and key segments of American Jewry, the Council of Jewish Federations yesterday expected to call on the government not to tamper with legislation on religious conversions.

Left unsaid was whether the government of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu could afford to let Diaspora sensitivities interfere with his coalition needs.

The American Reform movement, with the Conservative movement in tow, has mounted a formidable campaign against the pending legislation, suggesting that it will open the door to a new assault on "Who is a Jew" and undercut the legitimacy of Reform and Conservative Judaism in the US.

Although Shoshana Cardin, the head of United Israel Appeal, said: "We are not reviewing 'Who is a Jew.' This is not 1988," the Reform movement seems to have gotten its message across.

In the corridors of the Seattle convention center, where the 189 autonomous fund-raising agencies of North American Jewry are holding their General Assembly this week, there was muttering among the 3,000 delegates about a return of "Who is a Jew," the 1988 effort to change the Law of Return.

Late last week, Netanyahu apparently sent a letter to

American Jewish organizations indicating that the proposed legislative change would not apply to conversions conducted outside of Israel.

That nicety was insufficient for Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, head of the Association of Reform Zionists of America. "The State of Israel is legislating laws that serve the primary purpose of disenfranchising the Reform and Conservative movements," he said.

ARZA's campaign forced the CJF to depart from its tightly scripted program to address the legislation. Yesterday, the council was circulating a resolution urging the government to abstain from legislation that would change any aspect of the Law of Return or the "current situation," which, for some, is a code word for status quo.

The draft resolution, which is expected to be approved by the

delegates, is nearly identical to one passed in June in Jerusalem by the annual assembly of the Jewish Agency. And while it expresses an American sentiment, no one suggests it will have any greater practical effect with the government than did the Jewish Agency's resolution.

Nonetheless, it was expected to defuse the tension by giving the Americans what one pundit called a "face-saving victory."

"They can go home and say they fought off 'Who is a Jew,'" he said. "They take the narrow view, to limit the challenge they see facing them, and they say, 'We met with success.'"

Netanyahu's cancellation of his appearance left some delegates without a focus for a planned demonstration about religious pluralism. Three separate marches on the convention center were set to coincide with his appearance - two opposing his peace policies and one supporting them.

Einstein to wife: Do exactly as I say

TOM GROSS

NEWLY released letters on show to the public for the first time this week in Jerusalem, reveal that Albert Einstein, the man who has become a byword for genius, had a less savory side to his character.

In one letter, written in 1914, less than two years before Einstein revolutionized science with the publication of his theory of relativity, he tried to impose extraordinary conditions of marriage on his first wife, Mileva. He told her:

1) You will expect no affection from me and you will not approach me for this;
2) You must answer me at once when I speak to you;
3) You must leave my bedroom or study at once without protest-

ing when I ask you to go;
4) You will promise not to denigrate me in the eyes of my children, either by word or by deed.

The letters, part of a set of 430 letters and papers worth at least \$3 million, were briefly on public view in Jerusalem this week, at the Givat Ram campus of the Hebrew University, before being taken on, via Zurich and Berlin, for auction by Christie's in New York on November 25.

The sale is expected to generate enormous worldwide interest. "Einstein is the first real celebrity scientist. He has become the Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe of the scientific world," said Christie's Book Department International director Felix de Marz Oyens, visiting Israel for the first time.

"We thought it was fitting that they first be shown publicly here because of Einstein's great love of this country."



The young Albert Einstein 1952 to become the second president of Israel. Other, earlier letters displayed

this week reveal a more loving, romantic side to Einstein, in which he called Serbian-born Mileva "my dear little kineco," and "my little Dollie."

The letters also show that at the same time the great physicist was being lauded for his new discoveries on relativity, his son, Hans Albert, then 11, was struggling to do his math homework.

The other half of the correspondence, including letters written to Einstein by Mileva and his children, is already at the Hebrew University, having been donated by Einstein, together with his literary rights. But in accordance with the terms of his estate the letters already held here cannot be made public until 2006.

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The Nobel Prize winner was asked by David Ben-Gurion in

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Shares rise on optimism over peace talks

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL



TASE shares rose yesterday as investors were optimistic that Israel and Palestinians would conclude the Hebron redeployment agreement.

The Hebron agreement is more important to investors right now than even Friday's consumer price report, which would provide clues to interest rate policy, said Keith Phillips, analyst at the Israeli desk of Societe Generale Strauss Turbul in London.

"Rates are important but they are known," he said, noting that the CPI is estimated to have risen around 1 percent for October. An agreement on an Israeli pullout "will be an encouraging sign."

The leading Maof stocks climbed 0.72% to 203.75, while TASE shares rose yesterday as investors were optimistic that Israel and Palestinians would conclude the Hebron redeployment agreement.

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Pope, UN call for action on Zaire

ROME (Renter) - Pope John Paul and UN chief Boutros Boutros-Ghali opened a World Food Summit yesterday with pleas for a global effort to help more than a million refugees starving to death in eastern Zaire.

"At the very moment this summit is taking place, over a million starving, frightened refugees are wandering helpless in the mountains and forests of eastern Zaire," Boutros-Ghali declared in a speech at the start of the gathering.

He told delegates to the five-day summit organized by the Rome-based UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) that only with a "collective, concerted" effort could the tragedy of the Great Lakes region of Africa be resolved.

The crisis was not on the official agenda but the immediate tragedy clearly weighed on the gathering, which opened with leaders adopting an ambitious plan to feed more than 400 million additional mouths by the year 2015.

FAO director general Jacques Diouf said that by approving the declaration in advance, delegates had the opportunity "for the first time in the history of United Nations summits" to focus on actions rather than words.

But Diouf, who is from Senegal, urged leaders to make sure they lived up to the commitments they made in the documents.

"These are commendable...decisions risk turning soft if, when taking stock in a few years time, we see that hopes have been dashed, unless measures are taken here and now to mould these decisions into national projects and programmes," he said.

The Pope, who also addressed the summit, later said that "an uncertainty, no excuse, no calculation" could justify any further delay in getting aid to the refugees caught by fighting in eastern Zaire.

The United States, whose logistical support in any international intervention would be vital, assured the summit that it was ready to provide aid and support.

"The conscience of the world is confronted with a vast humanitarian crisis in the Great Lakes region of Africa," U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said in a speech.

"The United States has already provided a major share" of the humanitarian assistance to this region, and is prepared to provide additional humanitarian assistance and support as soon as mechanisms can be established which will permit the flow of assistance," Glickman said.

Canada, which has agreed to command a multinational force that is still awaiting U.N. Security Council approval, urged other nations to join it.

The summit, at FAO's Fascist-era Rome headquarters, is set to receive more than 80 heads of state and government.

The security arrangements were called into question when three women stripped naked and jacked Glickman's news conference in a protest against genetically engineered soybeans.

A Italian woman in her 20s, who identified herself as Olivia before being escorted away by police, said: "We're not part of any organisation. We're protesting against the genetic engineering of soybeans."

It was the only moment of light relief in proceedings otherwise dominated by war and suffering. Boutros-Ghali said that hunger and famine had become "weapons of war to be used to kill and kill again."

"It is this terrible reality which we must keep in mind to understand how and why we have to act."

"From this platform, in this Eternal City, I make a solemn appeal to peoples and to states to take part, all of them, in the collective action we will undertake," he said.

Veteran Cuban communist leader Fidel Castro, expected to arrive tomorrow according to diplomatic sources, was given a prominent role as one of six summit vice-chairmen.

The Pope, who is likely to meet Castro if he comes to Rome, challenged heads of state and delegates to make every effort to "eliminate the spectre of hunger."

He said in an opening speech that it was unacceptable that some people starved while others "lived in opulence."

"This contrast between poverty and wealth is intolerable for humanity," the Pontiff told delegates.

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